

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

In the Claims:

1. (previously presented) An assembly including a computing device and an adapter engageably mounted to said computing device, said adapter being removably mountable to a support stand, comprising:

 said computing device; and

 said adapter;

 said computing device including a cooperating opening engageable by a latch,

 said adapter including:

 a support plate having a top surface and a bottom surface opposite said top surface;

 a connector provided from said bottom surface, adapted to removably mount said support plate to a support stand; and

 a latch provided from said top surface engaging said cooperating opening in said computing device to secure said computing device to said top surface of said support plate.

2. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 1 wherein said computing device is a portable computing device

3. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 1 wherein said connector includes a threaded stud exposed at said bottom surface, said threaded stud adapted to engage a

cooperating threaded opening of the support stand.

4. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 1 wherein said connector includes a threaded opening exposed at said bottom surface, said threaded opening adapted to engage a cooperating threaded member of the support stand.

5. (previously presented) A supported assembly including the assembly of claim 1, further comprising said support stand, said support stand including a tripod mounted to said connector at said bottom surface such that said top surface of said support plate faces away from said support stand.

6. (previously presented) The supported assembly of claim 5 wherein said support stand includes a photography tripod.

7. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 2 wherein said portable computing device has a bottom surface, said cooperating opening includes a secure keyhole in said bottom surface, and said latch engages said secure keyhole.

8. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 7 wherein said adapter includes a plurality of said latches provided from said top surface.

9. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 8 wherein said adapter further includes one or more pivots operable to guide said portable computing device to an engaging

position with said adapter.

10. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 2 wherein said support plate further comprises one or more sidewalls extending upwardly from said top surface, said one or more sidewalls having dimensions such that when said adapter is mounted to said portable computing device, said one or more sidewalls does not obstruct elements of said portable computing device normally available for use in normal operation.

11. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 2 further comprising a plurality of interior electrical connectors for mating with corresponding electrical connectors of said portable computing device and a plurality of exterior electrical connectors coupled to said interior electrical connectors, said exterior electrical connectors adapted to mate with a plurality of corresponding cables, thereby connecting the electrical connectors of said portable computing device to the corresponding cables.

12. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 11 wherein said adapter is further operable to function as a port replicator for said portable computing device.

13. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 12 wherein said adapter is further operable to function as a docking station for said portable computing device.

14. (previously presented) An assembly including a computing device and an adapter engageably mounted to said computing device, said adapter being removably

mountable to a support stand, comprising:

 said computing device; and

 said adapter;

 said computing device having electrical connectors and at least one cooperating opening for engagement by a latch,

 said adapter including:

 a support plate having a top surface and a bottom surface opposite said top surface;

 a connector provided from said bottom surface, adapted to removably mount said support plate to a support stand;

 a latch provided from said top surface, engaging said cooperating opening in said computing device to secure said computing device to said top surface of said support plate;

 a plurality of interior electrical connectors mated with said electrical connectors of said computing device; and

 a plurality of exterior electrical connectors coupled to said interior electrical connectors, said exterior electrical connectors adapted to mate with a plurality of corresponding cables, thereby connecting said electrical connectors of said computing device to the corresponding cables.

15. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 14 wherein said computing device is a portable computing device having a bottom surface, and said cooperating opening includes a secure keyhole in said bottom surface of said portable computing device, and

said latch engages said secure keyhole in said portable computing device.

16. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 14 wherein said connector includes a threaded stud extending outwardly from said bottom surface of said support plate, said threaded stud adapted to engage a cooperating threaded opening of the support stand.

17. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 14 wherein said connector includes a threaded opening extending inwardly from said bottom surface of said support plate, said threaded opening adapted to engage a cooperating threaded member of the support stand.

18. (previously presented) A supported assembly including the assembly of claim 14, further comprising said support stand mounted to said connector at said bottom surface such that said top surface of said support plate faces away from said support stand.

19. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 15 wherein said portable computing device includes a plurality of said secure keyholes, and said adapter including a plurality of said latches provided from said top surface, said latches engaging said plurality of secure keyholes of said portable computing device.

20. (previously presented) An assembly including a computing device and an adapter engageably mounted to said computing device, comprising:

 said computing device; and

said adapter;

 said computing device including a cooperating opening engageable by a latch,

 said adapter including:

 a support plate having a top surface and a side surface adjacent said top surface;

 a connector provided from said side surface, adapted to removably mount said support plate to a cooperating support, the cooperating support oriented in a substantially vertical direction; and

 a latch provided from said top surface, engaging said cooperating opening in said computing device to secure said computing device to said top surface of said support plate.